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U.S. eyes return to gold-dollar standard

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (AP) — Most analysts may sputter or laugh, but a small and increasingly influential group of conservative economists is pressing for the United States to turn to the gold standard.

It is the best way, they say, to stop inflation. Some of these economists are the ones who developed President Ronald Reagan's big-three-year tax cut. With the Reagan economic plan ready to go into effect Oct. 1, some of the president's most ardent "supply-side theorists" are now arguing that a gold-based monetary system is absolutely essential to bring down the inflation and high interest rates that are stifling the economy.

The new U.S. Gold Commission, which met Friday contains enough skeptics to ensure that its final report will not contain full-scale recommendation for the gold standard. However, it might go part way, and the gold standard supporters are assured of getting more public attention. Their theory is that a paper money system backed only by the credit of the government tends to be inflationary because governments rarely resist the temptation to pay their bills by printing money, thus making the currency less valuable.

These economists, therefore, suggest that one could make each dollar equal to a specified amount of gold, and people would be able to exchange dollars for gold or gold for dollars. Dollars could not be printed unless the government had enough gold, and the size of the money supply would be limited by the size of the gold stock. That way, they say, the money supply could expand faster than gold, which has grown about two percent a year.

The plan is simple, although the commission will discuss quite a few variations, including the basis of the proposed link. A number of economists say the gold standard supporters may have a point, but they also point to a lot of problems.

A direct gold-dollar link can fight inflation, but can also hamper recovery from a recession.

A big portion of the world's gold mining is in South Africa and the Soviet Union. Either nation could cause considerable mischief to the U.S. economy by suddenly halting gold sales or by using it to buy up dollars.

The U.S. balance-of-payments deficit in oil last year was \$79 billion. What if the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries demanded gold in payment?

Another problem is the pricing of gold. Too high a price would fuel inflation, too low a price would depress business. The world market price, currently at \$460 an ounce, would not necessarily be a comforting factor.

Backers of a new gold standard say the technical problems can be solved and that foreign powers would not have the clout some people fear.

The 17-member gold commission appears to be dominated by people opposed to the gold standard, including three Federal Reserve governors whose now-critical money supply duties would be greatly diminished by a new and direct link between gold and the dollar.



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Thatcher, Fahd views 'identical' Saud urges U.S. to meet with PLO

LONDON, Sept. 18 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Great Britain share identical views on how to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict, Crown Prince Fahd declared here Friday night at the end of his short visit to Britain.

The Crown Prince, who left here later Friday, held a working lunch with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at her Downing Street residence. He said after the meeting that bilateral relations were discussed and that the Palestine question was high on the talks. The prince said he had found "complete understanding from the British side and that the two countries' viewpoints on solving the Middle East conflict were identical."

The two sides also agreed on the need to activate the European peace initiative, Prince Fahd added. He said that King Khalid's recent visit to Britain and Friday's meeting with Mrs. Thatcher "have deepened the historic Saudi Arabian-British relations."

"I have felt the depth of such visits on our relations and I believe that Britain is exerting serious efforts to activate the European initiative" toward peaceful settlement in the Middle East, the crown prince added.

He also stressed that the "two friendly countries are determined to deepen and support bilateral relations in all fields."

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal urged the United States Friday to establish contacts with the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as an essential move toward Middle East peace.

In a telexed reply to questions from Reuters, he also said contacts between the U.S. and the PLO already had achieved results in south Lebanon last July, ending two weeks of increasingly bitter fighting between Israelites and Palestinians.

He added: "The ceasefire in southern

Diana 'bored, losing weight'

LONDON, Sept. 18 (AP) — Princess Diana is bored, losing weight and tired of life with Britain's royal family after seven weeks of marriage to Prince Charles, *The Sun* newspaper reported Friday.

It said the 20-year-old princess, honeymooning with her husband, Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Philip and other royals at their Scottish castle of Balmoral, is "so bored with her role as a royal and the trappings and formality of life there that she has persuaded Prince Charles to take her away from it all." Buckingham Palace said there was no one available to comment on the report.

While declining to comment on the newspaper's report that Diana is bored, a Buckingham Palace spokesman pointed out that the various members of the royal family often are housed in one of the estate's dower houses.

"They never keep Balmoral castle open unless the queen is in residence there," she said.

The tabloid, first to report the romance of the couple, said that Princess Diana has "reached a personal crisis in her new lifestyle" and is "deeply unsettled — despite the love of her husband and the warm protection of the royal family."

She is getting thinner and her friends say she is finding it difficult "almost impossible in fact, to adapt herself to the day-to-day routine of a royal," the paper reported.

The Sun said Diana turned down the gift of a hunting dog from the queen because she hates hunting and shooting and has not

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Indira wins massive confidence

NEW DELHI, Sept. 18 (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, saying her government will not be pushed around, led her forces to overwhelming victory Thursday night against a non-confidence motion sponsored by the parliamentary opposition.

The motion lost on a vote of 294 to 83, following a stormy eight-hour debate. The vote came after Mrs. Gandhi in a one-hour speech defended her 20-month-old government against assorted charges of corruption, economic failure and collapse of law and order.

Beirut car bomb explosion kills two

BEIRUT, Sept. 18 (AP) — A car bomb exploded in a neighborhood near Beirut and killed two pedestrians Friday, a day after the regional headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organization was blown up in Lebanon's southern port city of Sidon, the state radio reported.

The broadcast said several other persons were injured in the Friday blast that rocked the Salom neighborhood in Beirut's southern suburb of Bourj El-Barajneh.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the Salom blast and there was no



(WPA Photo)
FAHD-THATCHER MEET: British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher greeting Crown Prince Fahd at 10 Downing Street, London, Friday.

Lebanon was successful because it was worked out between the parties directly involved, i.e. the PLO and Israel, through the valuable mediation of the United States.

"We believe that this method should be repeated in the discussions aiming at a just and durable peace in the region. Anyway, this is the only realistic approach to solve this problem."

A senior U.S. official said last July the (Continued on back page)

Welcomes Iraqi pipeline

Yamani firm on oil price

JEDDAH, Sept. 18 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, has reaffirmed that it will resist pressure from other OPEC countries to raise its prices. Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani was quoted by *Arab News* sister magazines *Al-Malah* and *Saudi Business* as saying: "We have reached a point on which we cannot show courtesy to anyone."

He said in an interview published by the magazines Saturday: "The responsibility of the Saudi Arabian government toward its people and the coming generations call upon us to act in the light of our own interest." Sheikh Yamani has said repeatedly he does not want to raise the oil price, now \$32 a barrel. He has argued that prices must be held down to encourage a revival of demand for oil produced by the 13 exporters in OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), now sharply depressed.

Sheikh Yamani has said he is worried for the long-term value of Saudi Arabia's huge reserves if the West is stampeded too far into alternative energy by high oil prices. He agreed in his latest interview with *Arab News* that some countries whose oil was running out more quickly had different interests. The moderate \$32 price charged by Saudi Arabia is OPEC's lowest with others ranging up to \$40 a barrel. Consultations are going on to try to unify prices and give all 13 members a more or less equal chance fighting for buyers in the present glut.

Sheikh Yamani told the two magazines it was his personal opinion that surplus pet-

rodollars should be invested in shares mainly in companies in the energy and technology fields.

He also said that Saudi Arabia has agreed on an Iraqi request to build an oil pipeline across its territory to the Red Sea.

Sheikh Yamani said the pipeline would enable Iraq to move its export production free from any threat against the Gulf or the Hormuz Straits at its entrance. In early August Iraq had begun contacts with Saudi Arabia on the construction of such a pipeline.

Iraq's two Gulf oil terminals, now rendered inactive by the war, transited between 2.5 to 3 million barrels daily, while the pipeline through Syria only had a 1.2 million barrel a day capacity.

The 21-member league interpreted the

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alliance as meaning that "...the confrontation between superpowers takes precedence over our regional concerns and that to us is very dangerous and therefore is not acceptable."

Maksoud told a news conference. The military agreements came out of talks last week between Begin and Reagan. They would allow the Israeli Navy to join the Sixth Fleet maneuvers in the Mediterranean and the United States to share intelligence data with Israel and stockpile supplies there.

Referring to Israeli plans to build a canal linking the Dead Sea with the Mediterranean, he said the league would boycott any companies that worked on the project. Maksoud said the Arab League considers the canal "to be a sort of license for Israel to pursue some of its objectives in the area," he added.

The Arab League Boycott Office in Damascus has been instructed to tell any company that participates in the project that "it will go on the boycott list irrevocably," he said. The U.S.-Israel alliance, he said, "is a divisive attempt to break the unified Arab positions that have been spelled out clearly..."

Hijackers arrested

BERLIN, Sept. 18 (Agencies) — West Berlin police Friday put under temporary arrest 12 Polish students who hijacked a Polish passenger airliner with 49 persons aboard from a domestic flight to the American military airport at Tempelhof here.

According to a police announcement to that effect, the 12 will appear before an investigating magistrate Saturday.

A spokesman for the Tempelhof Air Base where the Lot aircraft landed at 12:33 p.m. said the hijackers included nine men and three women. The U.S. spokesman said the group carried firebombs in carrying out the hijacking, the sixth involving a Polish plane to West Berlin this year. But West Berlin police, who took over the investigation, denied there were any firebombs but said some of the hijackers had kn...".

All 49 passengers disembarked safely after the plane landed and was surrounded by firemen, U.S. sources said.

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Nasiriyah district gets 12,000-line exchange

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Sept. 18 — The Nasiriyah district of Riyadh recently obtained a 12,000-line exchange with completely automatic switching capabilities, Saudi Telephone announced Friday.

According to a spokesman, Riyadh subscribers, who are now being routed through the old exchange equipment will be connected through the new exchange electronically and won't have to take any action.

During the fiscal year ending in April, 1981, more telephones were installed than before a Saudi Telephone statistical department report stated earlier. During that month, more than 23,500 lines were installed, bringing the total completed in the year to more than 162,000. Saudi Telephone now has more than 500,000 telephone lines in service.

Exchange capacity also increased. In April, a 3,000-line exchange was added to Ras Tanura; a 1,700-line exchange was placed in Bayah; and a 1,000-line exchange was

opened in Mandaq. This represents a yearly increase of more than 278,000 lines of exchange capacity, a 60 percent rise.

The trunk network played its part in Saudi Telephone's expansion also. International trunks increased by 36 percent to 1,267.

National trunk lines during the same period increased by 65 percent bring the total to more than 61,980.

One of the year's most important achievements for long-distance callers was the universal conversion to international subscriber dialing. All subscribers now have direct-dialing access to more than 90 countries around the world. As a result of these efforts, customer-dialed calls have jumped from 65 percent of all calls in April 1980, to 78 percent of all long-distance calls in Spring this year. In the same period, the number of international call completions has surged from 99,000 to 1,425,000, an increase of 43 percent.

Business in the Kingdom benefited in the year from the addition of more than 4,000 telex loops provided by Saudi Telex. Total Saudi Telex lines now stand at more than 10,000 or an increase of 77 percent.

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By Arab ministers

Jazaeri nominated director

TUNIS, Sept. 18 (SPA) — The Arab Health Ministers' Council held a joint meeting here Friday with health ministers from eastern Mediterranean countries to discuss moving the World Health Organization's regional office from Alexandria to Amman.

The Arab health ministers concluded their eighth extraordinary session here Thursday by nominating the Kingdom's health minister, Dr. Hussein Al-Jazzani, for the WHO eastern Mediterranean regional bureau director.

Delegates at the joint meeting stressed the need to forge a united stand during the upcoming WHO General Assembly meeting in Geneva. This issue was embodied by the Arab Health Ministers' Council resolutions Thursday.

The joint meeting's agenda includes in international nominations for posts in the

international health organization, and cooperation among member states in the regional bureau and WHO experts.

The eastern Mediterranean regional bureau includes Cyprus, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran in addition to all Arab countries with the exception of Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania.

Algeria and Morocco are members of the European regional bureau, while Mauritania is included in the African regional bureau.

The Arab Health Council expressed satisfaction with the Arab League's General Secretariat intensive contacts to support the transfer of the regional bureau from Alexandria, Egypt, at the Organization of African Unity (OAU), the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and the non-Aligned Movement.

BRIEFS

KHARJ: — Hundreds of tons of vegetables and thousands of canned food were destroyed here over the last six months because they were deemed unfit for human consumption, it was announced here Friday. The food also included flour, powder milk, tea, soft drinks, meat and livestock.

JEDDAH: — Nearly 200,000 pilgrims had arrived in the country by the end of Tuesday marking and increase of nearly 50,000 over the same period last year. About 160,000 arrived by air and the rest overland and by sea.

TAJUK: — A contract for designing the Tabuk central electricity project was awarded recently to a company made up jointly of the Saudi Consulting House and the Irish Council for Electricity Supplies. The

project will cover the towns of Tabuk, Haql, Dhiba, Halat, Ammar and other towns in this northern province.

JEDDAH: — Work on a tunnel connecting the present bus stand in the seafront, the Corniche, and the downtown area of King Abdul Aziz street will start soon according to municipal sources quoted by *Ola* Friday. The tunnel will absorb all the pedestrian traffic leaving the road to the cars. Another tunnel will be built to enable pedestrians to reach the new park near the Foreign Ministry without having to cross the road.

AHSA: (SPA) — The Taraf Welfare Social Service Society of Ahsa has issued a report for the fiscal year 1980-81 about administrative, technical and financial activities in addition to the proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

Western Region eyes plan for water drainage system

JEDDAH, Sept. 18 — The Western Region — which includes Makkah, Jeddah, Taif and other towns and outlying areas — will have an ambitious project of water drainage, sewerage and storm water disposal in the near future according to Fahd Al Hamad Al Sulaiman, the engineer in charge of water and drainage.

Sulaiman was quoted by *Ola* Friday as saying that Makkah alone will have a water purification project which will serve 500,000 persons in addition to other net works elsewhere.

With regard to Jeddah, the project will be divided into two phases. The first phase will cover Palestine Road north, Musaidya, Inek, and Macarona street. The second one will extend to the southern part of the city where houses will be connected to the main sewer-

age stations. In due course the whole city will be served in this way.

Sulaiman said that other houses in the city center have already been connected and that new buildings will be connected soon. Meanwhile, he said, Makkah Governor Prince Majed has ordered the formation of certain committees to study complaints and recommend solutions to the problems of overflowing drains which occur in the city especially in such localities as Kandara, Ghulail, Quarantine, and Kuwait. The problem in Kandara has been solved, he said, through house connections to the main pumping stations while other areas will soon follow suit.

A number of consulting companies have been retained to design and recommend permanent solutions, he said.

King Khaled to give industry award

TAIF, Sept. 18 — King Khaled's award for the Ideal Industry will be made early next year and invitations have gone out for applications to be submitted not later than the first month of the forthcoming new Hijra year, officials announced here Thursday.

The award, made up of a royal certificates

Officials execute convicted killer

SULAIMAN, Sept. 18 (SPA) — A convicted murderer was executed here Friday afternoon for killing a woman, according to an Interior Ministry statement.

The statement said that Muhammad ibn Hajes ibn Huwaid shot dead Nura bint Wadi ibn Muhammed Al Sabkhabirah because she had refused to allow him to marry one of her daughters, according to his signed confession.

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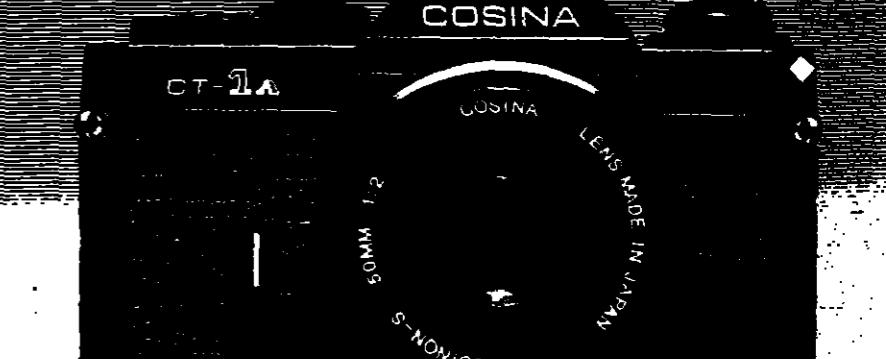
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Minister says

Pilgrimage projects allotted SR680m

TAIF, Sept. 18 (SPA) — The Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments will spend SR680 million on projects and services for this year's pilgrims.

Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie said Friday that the funds have been allocated for building water tanks in various parts of the holy places, shady spots and several posts to guide the pilgrims.

At the same time money has been earmarked for the construction of pilgrim towns in each of Makkah and Medina and border crossings along the country's frontiers in view of the increasing number of pilgrims who come overland.

He said that for the first time this year pilgrims will use a special pilgrimage travel document which was suggested by the government to facilitate the movement of pilgrims and official procedures. Once the experiment succeeds it will be applied for all.

Electricity scheme extended to Eastern Region villages

DAMMAM, Sept. 18 (SPA) — The Saudi Consolidated Electricity Company (SCECO) in the Eastern Province is carrying out several projects aimed at improving electricity service and extending it to all villages and towns in the region, officials reported Friday.

SCECO will install a number of power generating units over an area of 285,000 square kilometers, in addition to establishing other facilities to meet the requirements of the future industrial area in the Eastern Province.

Among the projects under construction is an integrated power network for Ruhaimah. It includes transforming the old network, which relies on grids, into a comprehensive underground system. That will provide better service to subscribers and preserve the town's outlook.

Ruhaimah's power demand is increasing rapidly and has now reached 20 megawatt.



Abdul Wasie

pilgrims during the next five he added.

In the meantime, a new organization to take care of the pilgrims from Europe and North America has been set up specially to look after them. Similar organizations will be formed in the future until the system of mutawifeen — pilgrims' guides — is finalized.

"The aim," he said, "is to eliminate the problems which beset the relationships between the pilgrims and the guides." The organizations also will seek to better serve the pilgrims and reduce the malpractices of which certain guides were found guilty.

Sheikh Abdul Wasie said he and his experts have assigned a group of university professors to study the possibility of using responsibilities in order to render better services to the pilgrims, who number nearly two million persons a year.

He said he could not say that his ministry had solved most of the problems connected with the pilgrimage, but that it has gone a long way in providing improved services. "There are two million persons in a limited space in a limited period of time at once," he said. One million of them come from abroad and the other million is made up of Saudi Arabians and resident expatriates.

Included in this year's plans is a comprehensive transportation scheme to ease the traffic and convert the pilgrims from one place to the other quickly and in relative comfort, he said.

Sheikh Abdul Wasie said that it has become necessary to organize the relationship between the ministry and the pilgrimage missions which accompany each country's pilgrims. A special committee was set up recently to define these relationships in order to ensure the best possible results. He has asked the governments concerned to send the names of the mission members in advance of its arrival and to fix the location of every mission in the holy places make it easier for the ministry to contact them. The ministry also has laid down certain principles for the missions' conduct and their responsibilities in the arrival and departure of the pilgrims.

The number of subscribers also reach 3,500. The project is designed to be completed by the beginning of next summer.

Another project underway is the extension of electricity services to 40 villages in the Samman area. The project, which covers a 300 square kilometer area, will come into service within nine months. SCECO also is preparing designs for eight power generators at the Fars electric plant. The generators will have a capacity of 55 megawatt each. Eight similar generators are under consideration for Shugdum power plant. They will be installed next year.

SCECO's plans cover an expansion of the Gizar power station to double its output in 1982 to 1,600 megawatt. The station will then be capable of distributing 230 kilovolt power to all areas of the Eastern Province. The company has decided to add two turbines to Quaisumah power station, bringing the total capacity to 60 megawatt. The station will meet electricity requirements for Quaisumah and Hafir el Bain.

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Guereda retaken by Chad

N'DJAMENA, Sept. 18 (Agencies) — Chadian government forces have retaken the town of Guereda in eastern Chad in the face of "large-scale Egyptian-Sudanese aggression," Chad Foreign Minister Aycil Ahmat said Thursday. He told Reuters 500 men loyal to former Defense Minister Hissene Habre had died in hand-to-hand fighting which ended last Tuesday, adding that there were some Sudanese among the dead.

Habre's men, who occupied Guereda for days, left behind large quantities of heavy and light weapons and vehicles supplied by Egypt and Sudan, he said. The rebels were aiming to capture the towns of Guereda, Iriba and Adre, he said. Iriba and Adre were now surrounded by government troops.

Ahmat appeared healthy and relaxed. Persistent reports from Chad had said he was wounded in the fighting and had gone to Tripoli for treatment. He said he had proof of Egyptian and Sudanese intervention in Guereda.

Ahmat said Habre had taken part in the rebel occupation of Guereda and had killed all the prisoners taken in the attack, including civilians. Habre's soldiers were forced to flee N'djamena last December after nine months of fighting against the forces of several combined factions, after Chad President Goukouni Oueddei called in Libyan troops.



CORPSE: The forces of former Chad Defense Minister Hissene Habre recaptured the town of Adre and in the fighting, a Libyan bomber was shot down. The picture shows the corpse of one of the two Libyan pilots whose plane was shot down Tuesday last.

Egypt, U.K. ponder arms production

CAIRO, Sept. 18 (AFP) — The defense ministers of Egypt and Britain Thursday launched talks on a possible long-term agreement for joint production of arms and military equipment.

"Britain is imposing no restrictions on cooperation in the matter of arms," British Defense Minister John Nott said as discussions began with the Egyptian counterpart, Gen. Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala. The Egyptian minister said the talks focused on "the joint production of arms and military equipment, particularly artillery and spare parts as well as ammunition." Tanks were also high

on Cairo's list, he said.

He added that an accord on arms and other technology transfers extending from 10 to 15 years was currently under study and indicated that it could include joint military exercises with Britain. The Egyptian armed forces are ready to participate in joint training with the forces of any friendly country," said Gen. Ghazala.

The talks began as informed sources here reported that some 10,000 men and 700 tanks of the Egyptian third army have been on "major exercises" in the Suez zone for several days.

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Russia expels Egypt's military attache

MOSCOW, Sept. 18 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union has expelled the Egyptian military attache and his 10-member staff from Moscow following the expulsion of the Soviet ambassador and six embassy staff from Egypt.

Western diplomatic sources said Moscow apparently refrained from expelling other Egyptian diplomats for fear that its mission in Cairo would be cut still further. A statement issued Thursday night by the foreign ministry in Moscow said Lt. Col. Abdul Hamid Khalifa and his staff had been given seven days in which to leave.

But the Egyptian government had already closed the attache's office a day earlier and Col. Khalifa told Reuters the entire staff were on their way home. The Soviet move was a response to sweeping Egyptian measures following allegations that Moscow was involved in plots to undermine President Anwar Sadat's rule. The Egyptians Tuesday gave the Soviet ambassador and six embassy staff 48

hours to leave the country, while about 1,000 Soviet civilian advisers and their families were told to go home.

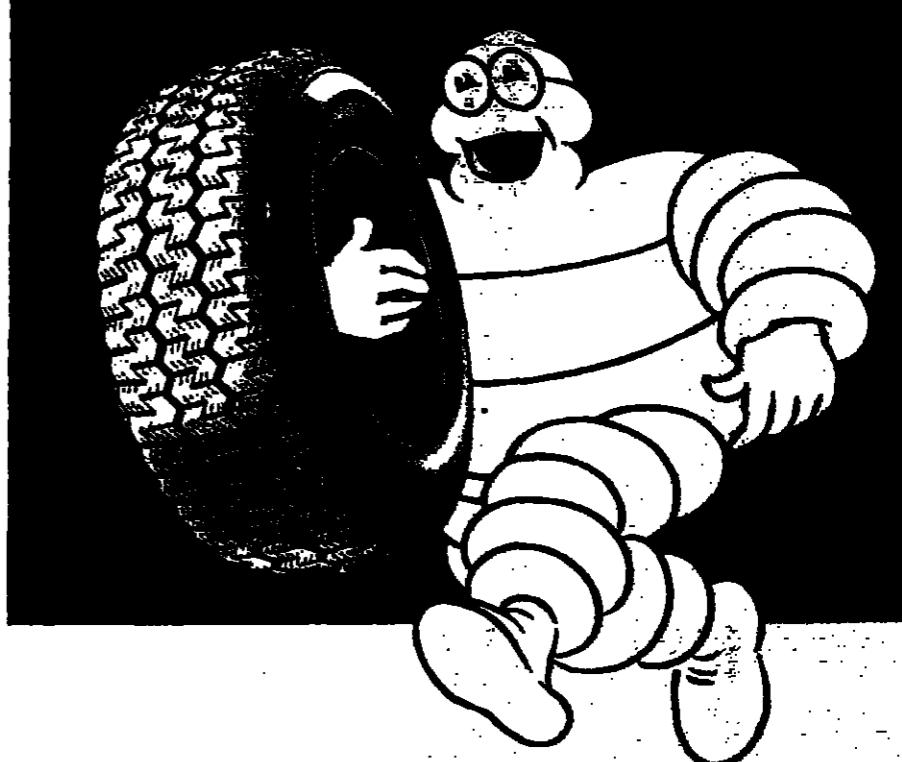
Moscow was also ordered to reduce its 40-man embassy in Cairo to the same size as the Egyptian mission to Moscow, which has about seven non-military diplomats.

Western diplomats said the Soviet embassy regarded its presence in Cairo as crucial because of its deep interest in the Middle East and a desire to observe developments.

Egypt closely. The Soviet statement said Moscow reserved the right to take further measures against Egypt, but did not elaborate.

It said all Cairo's allegations were lies and intended only to divert attention from the unpopularity of President Sadat's own policies. The Soviet Union had always tried to improve relations and Cairo bore full responsibility for the present crisis, it added.

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Steadfastness Front to meet U.S.-Israeli bloc with Soviet aid

LUT, Sept. 18 (AP) — Members of the Steadfastness and Confrontation currently holding talks in the Libyan Bengazi are seeking ways to upgrade ties with the Soviet Union to counter the progress reported.

Israel-Egypt talks

AVIV, Sept. 18 (R) — Israel and Friday completed four days of talks on redefining their relations with agreements on sport, civil aviation and the location of new border crossings. Officials said the agreements meant welcome progress had been made with an Egyptian team that came to Tel Aviv. There will be further talks on normalization between ministers from the two sides in Cairo next week to resume talks on joint autonomy.

Iraq gives \$34,000 charity work

AMA, Sept. 18 (AFP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Friday gave \$34,000 to the sixth international exhibition of charity work to be staged in Iraq in December under the guidance of the Red Crescent. Delegations from Bahrain, France, India, Libya and the Palestine Liberation Organization's representative to the Bahraini capital, will take part in the exhibition, it was said.

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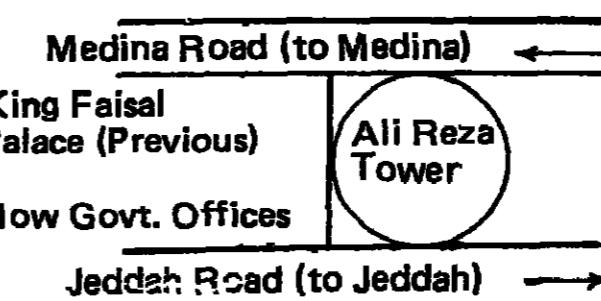
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Fund planned to support Palestinians

AMMAN, Sept. 18 (R) — A joint Jordanian-Palestinian committee meeting in Amman has decided to set up a special fund to support workers living in the Israeli-occupied territories, committee sources said.

Jordan is represented at the talks with leading Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) officials by Hassan Ibrahim, minister for the occupied territories. The sources did not reveal the size of the fund or how it would be administered.

The joint Palestinian-Jordanian meeting precedes renewed talks about Palestinian autonomy for the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip between Israel, Egypt and American negotiators in Cairo next week.

U.S. to instal Aswan turbines

CAIRO, Sept. 18 (R) — The United States has agreed to finance the installation of new turbines in the Soviet-built Aswan high dam in upper Egypt at a cost of \$50 million, informed sources said Friday.

He said the U.S.-Israeli alliance had turned "the Arab-Israeli struggle into a direct Arab-American confrontation."

According to *Al-Safir*, the five leaders also discussed the recently-concluded anti-American treaty between South Yemen, Libya and Ethiopia. The newspaper said the front may come out with a declaration of support for the tripartite treaty which is designed to counter what was described as "U.S. expansionism."

Bani-Sadr predicts Khomeini's fall

ROME, Sept. 18 (Agencies) — Ousted Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr Friday predicted that Ayatollah Khomeini's regime will fall very soon.

He said this would be due to a combination of popular protest and the collapse of the economy. "When the people have nothing more to eat, Khomeini will fall," he told the Rome daily *Il Corriere Della Sera*.

Bani-Sadr, now living in exile in France, described the Mujahedeen attacks committed in Iran as part of a "liberation struggle" and said the blame for all guerrilla activity in the country could be laid at the Ayatollah's door because of the wave of repression and summary executions which had followed his

assumption of power.

In an interview to the Indian daily *The Indian Express*, Massoud Rajavi, exiled leader of the Mujahedeen predicted that the present Iranian government will fall by November. "Everything is going according to the plan .. the so-called leader of the Islamic Republic (Ayatollah Khomeini) should be out by November," he said. Rajavi also said the National Council of "Resistance for Independence (and) Freedom," formed by Bani-Sadr was the equivalent of a government-in-exile.

In Tehran, supreme Court President Ayatollah Mussavi Ardebili disclosed Friday

that the man sought by Iranian authorities for the Aug. 31 bombing which killed President Muhammad Ali Rajai and Prime Minister Mohammad Javad Bahonar was "in flight."

Speaking at Friday prayers at Tehran University, Ayatollah Ardebili said that Massoud Keshmiri, who was secretary of the Iranian Security Council at the time of the bombing, was accused by the authorities of being aligned with the leftist Mujahedeen and infiltrating the government. In previous references to Keshmiri as the possible author of the attack, Iranian officials had not indicated whether he was killed in the powerful blast at the prime minister's office, had been arrested or executed or was in flight.

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Traders controlled business Old Muslim routes of retail trade later became Sri Lanka's highways

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COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — The retail trade

almost a Muslim monopoly. Most of these traders came from south India.

Slowly, the Muslims in these areas bought small holdings in these estates and became owners of a large number of small estates. Muslims also owned a share of coconut plantations being opened up in the country. Puttalam, Hambantota, Kurunegala, with large concentrations of Muslims, became centers

corporations. In order to control this trade, the government has established a separate Ministry of Textiles. Muslim businessmen are in other trades as well, such as hardware and groceries.

Another important field dominated by Muslims is the gem trade. Muslims have been in the gem trade for time immemorial and have developed such an expertise that many can assess the value of any gem by merely looking at it. The Central Bank of Sri Lanka reported recently that the gem trade is the third largest earner of foreign exchange for the country and Muslims are greatly responsible for bringing this wealth to the country. Beruwela, a Muslim settlement, is synonymous with gems and Sri Lanka is famous for its blue sapphires and cat's eyes.

Agricultural Development

Although Sri Lanka Muslims are associated with trade, they occupy an important position in the field of agriculture as well. The Eastern Province, Sri Lanka's granary, is largely populated by Muslims with more than one-third of the Muslim population living there.

The Muslims were originally settled in the Eastern Province by a Sinhalese king when they were persecuted by the Portuguese. The Muslims in this region, unlike other parts of the country, still maintain age-old traditions and customs. They live in highly concentrated villages. One of these, Kattankudy, is one of the most thickly populated villages in the world.

Some of the most fertile rice-growing lands are located in this region, they are very well irrigated by tanks and canals built by the government. The biggest irrigation system planned and executed by the government is located in this region. By pursuing a consistent land alienation policy to the Sinhalese, and by depriving Muslims of their land, the government has reduced the Muslim share in this sector of the economy. There is still land which is uncultivated and which, with a little capital could be brought under cultivation.

Fishing is a main industry for Muslims who live in the coastal belts of Sri Lanka such as Mannar, Trincomalee, Kalmunai, Hambantota. The Muslims recently have formed cooperative societies and are in the process of modernizing their fishing with the purchase of modern boats.

The present Sri Lanka government, felt that the socialist policy of the former government brought economic ruin, is now following a policy of free enterprise.

Sri Lanka has been following a stable and consistent foreign policy. Although governments have changed, a policy of strict non-alignment has been followed by all governments, irrespective of their ideological differences.

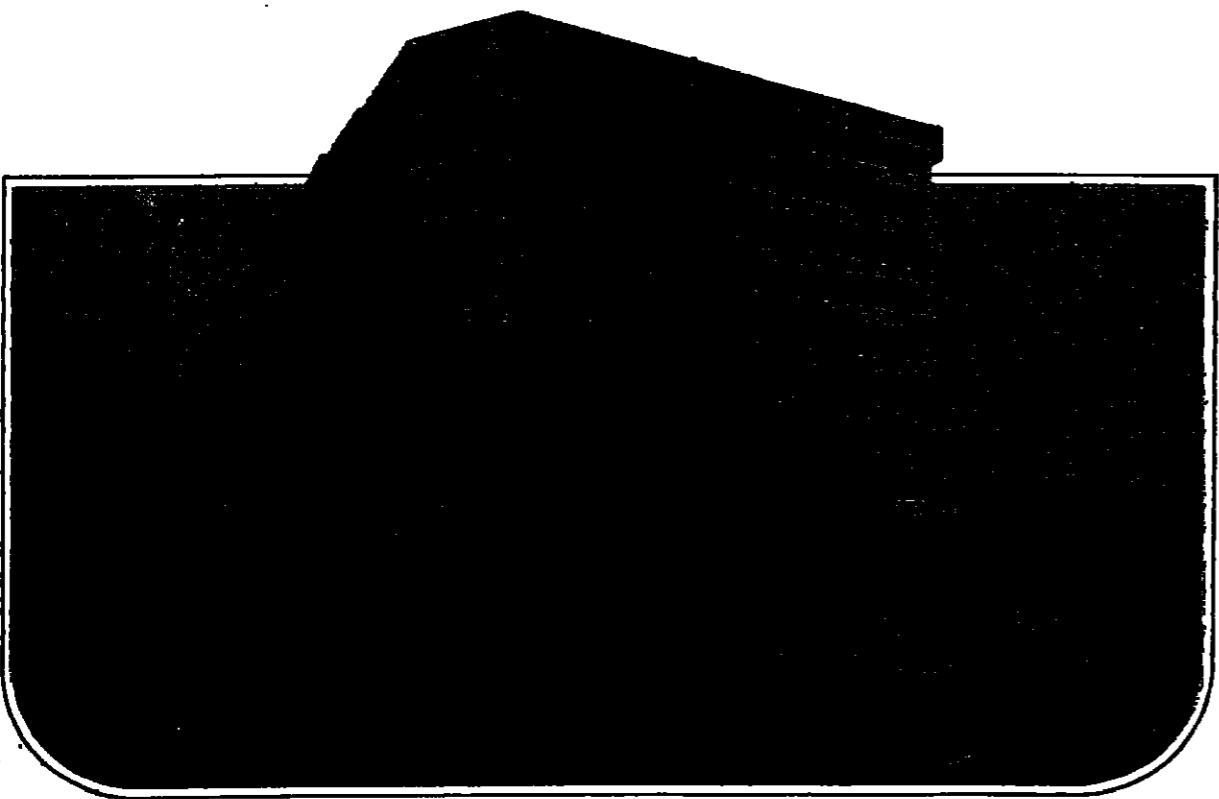
Spice Trade Prospects
Another sector of Sri Lanka's internal trade where Muslims prospered was in the spice trade. Muslims still dominate trade in cloves, nutmegs, cardamoms, pepper and cocoa. They not only own lands where these crops are grown, but monopolize trade in these products.

The "Petral" in Colombo, which is the nucleus of the Sri Lanka business world, is still controlled by Muslims. Two streets, known as "Old Moor Street," and "New Moor Street," are centers of business where transactions in these non-traditional spice products take place.

Both the wholesale and retail textile trade are still in the hands of Muslims in Sri Lanka, although inroads have been made by other communities and by government-backed

Plantation Industry Grows
With the British occupation of the entire country, the plantation industry grew. Tea rubber plantations were opened across the island and the country entered the internal market with the production of these crops. In turn, industries related to these crops and trade flourished. Muslims took opportunity to open up businesses in adjoining the plantations. This is why one-fourth of the Muslim population of Sri Lanka lives in plantation areas. It trade in textiles and groceries became

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Guru Ranjeesh greeted skeptically; work begun on his Oregon commune

He reportedly speaks only two members of what is called his "Inner Circle."

Presumably he spoke to the state policeman who issued him a summons last week for driving 68 miles an hour (109 kph) in his 1981 Rolls Royce on a highway outside the ranch.

So far, only about 50 of his followers have come to begin converting the ranch into a productive farm, but an issue of the Berkeley, California, CRMC newsletter promises a new commune with a population of 10,000 Samyassins, as the orange-barbed followers call themselves.

The 260-square-kilometer (100-square-mile) property 40 kilometers (25 miles) from this 40-resident near-ghost town, was purchased in July for \$6 million by the Chaitavas Ranjeesh Meditation Center (CRMC) of Montclair, New Jersey, through its president, Sheela Silverman, 32.

Ranjeesh showed up a couple of weeks ago, but has refused to speak with reporters.

Sullivan says he has had no problems with the commune. "If you tell them what they need to do, they do it. Money is no problem," he said.

"I can assure you those people are extremely bright. They are well-traveled; they are articulate. They are gracious hosts and they are working hard."

He said the members work 16 hours a day, have cleared 800 hectares of farm land since they moved in this summer and plan to have 3,200 hectares cleared by 1983.

Sullivan said he has to remind some of the long-time Jefferson County residents that the newcomers have rights. He said one resident wanted to get up a petition to force the commune out.

"How would you like them to get up a petition for you to move from your home," he said as he asked the man. "They are not going to be the victims of discrimination because they're different," he said.

The group recently bought two lots in Antelope for a telephone center.

Modern authors, creators spotlighted in Miami's 20th Century arts festival

By Mary Campbell

NEW YORK (AP) — An arts festival is planned next June in Miami, with 176 live performances, including 27 premieres, films and seven art exhibitions — and everything done from the 20th century. Edward Albee, Tennessee Williams and Lanford Wilson will write new plays. Robert Ward will write an opera, about a nuclear scientist, with scenery done by projections. A 16-member permanent ballet company will be created.

Robert Herman, former executive director of the Metropolitan Opera, now director of the Greater Miami Opera Association, made the announcement as executive director of the New World Festival of the Arts. He said the idea for a festival of all arts, to focus on contemporaries, creators, came to him and his staff after Dade County, Florida, passed a

special tax, 20 percent of which is to go toward cultural events and special projects to bring tourists to Miami.

Herman said that June 4 to 26 was chosen because "hotels aren't full, everything is air-conditioned, the hurricane season hasn't started and it's after the Spoleto festival and before European festivals."

He said \$2.4 million of \$4.8-million budget is already in hand. If all tickets sell, they will take in \$4 million. Ticket prices range from \$4 to \$100 for the opera premiere, with the average of about \$18.

Other events listed are premieres of 15 to 20 movies, a new play about Pablo Picasso, which could be presented some nights in English and some nights in Spanish, and Carlisle Floyd's opera "of mice and men." There will be seven exhibitions in five museums and

exhibits at all art galleries in the area.

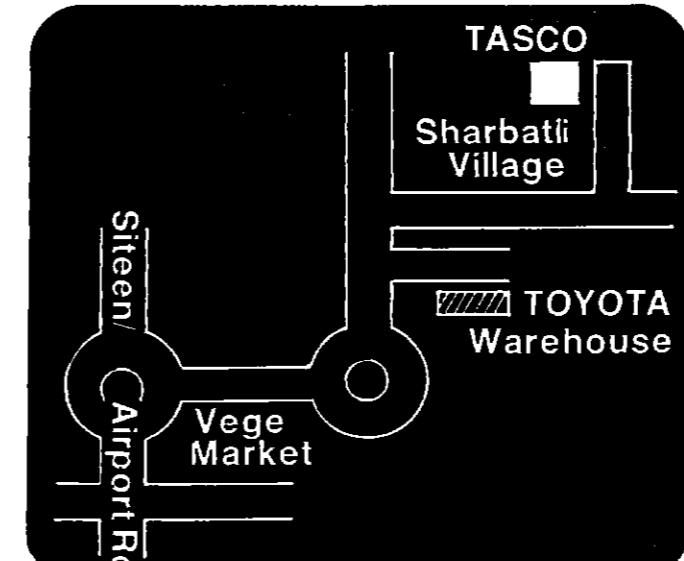
In dance, the Paul Taylor Dance Company will visit for a week; Alexander Godunov, Cynthia Gregory, Fernando Bujones and Galina Panova will be guests with the new ballet company — Geoffrey Holder will choreograph a work, "Blues and Ballads" for Carmen de Lavallade.

The Chamber Music Society on Lincoln Center will give 12 concerts of four programs, each program including a premiere. Jazz pianist Chick Corea and conductor Lukas Gould and violinist Leon Kirchner will play two premieres written for the festival.

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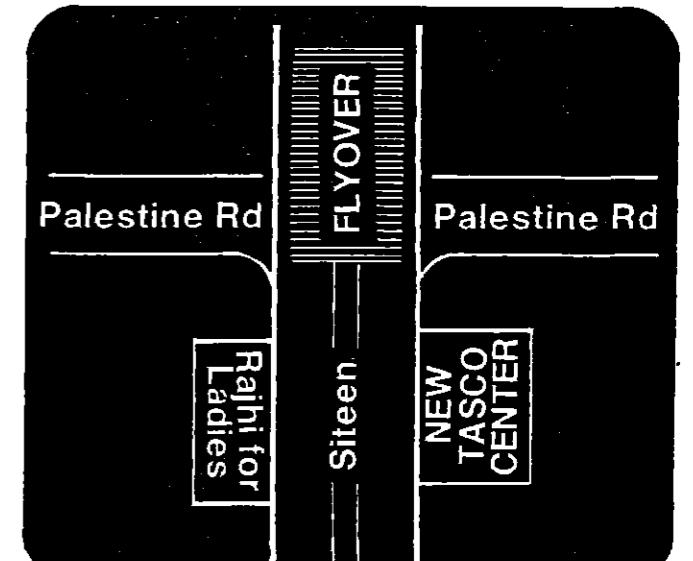
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U.S. soldiers stage chemical exercise

HASSENHAUSEN, West Germany, Sept. 18 (AP) — American troops staged a unique chemical weapons defense exercise Thursday, responding to a growing fear in the Western alliance of Soviet chemical warfare ability.



DECONTAMINATION: U.S. soldiers participating in a decontamination exercise following a simulated chemical attack in a West German village Thursday. (AP Wirephoto)

Soldiers from units airlifted from the United States in the annual 17,000-troop "Reforger" reinforcement war games, turned this sleepy central West German hamlet into a makeshift decontamination center to test how well soldiers could return to battle after an attack of chemical poison.

Brig. Gen. Jack Farris, assistant commander of the 4th Infantry Division, airlifted from Fort Carson, Colorado, two weeks ago, said more emphasis than usual was placed on chemical warfare defense in this year's maneuvers. "Every year we do more, but never enough," Farris said.

The chemical exercise was planned months ago. Thursday's test simulated an attack of liquid nerve agent on a company of infantrymen and tried to test if they could be sent back to the fighting within 24 hours.

Helicopters flew the mock wounded to the laws and recently harvested cornfields of Hassenhausen and processed the troops through aid stations, including one set on the lawn outside the home of Hassenhausen's mayor.

Decontamination proceeded as if the soldiers had been sprayed with "soman," a pesticide-like chemical that Lt. Col. Morton Brisker, the exercise director, said was in the

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In a wide range of infections New drug fights 'superbugs'

LONDON, Sept. 18 (AP) — A new drug to fight "superbugs" that have grown increasingly resistant to existing antibiotics became available to British doctors Thursday. Beecham, the giant British drug company, said the new drug augmentin will open a new era in the treatment of a wide range of infections.

Dr. Martin Cole, the company's senior biochemist, said tests on 5,000 patients over the last five years showed augmentin was effective against 95 percent of bacteria which cause common infections treated daily by family doctors. He said the drug was up to three times more effective than existing antibiotics.

The company recommended it for treatment of bronchitis, pneumonia, tonsillitis, the bone inflammation illness osteomyelitis, cystitis which causes inflammation of the urinary bladder, the sinus inflammation illness sinusitis, skin infections and post-operative wounds.

Alan Percival, professor of bacteriology at Manchester University Medical School, said: "Augmentin is an advance because it widens the potential cover against bacterial organisms."

Reaction from some other experts was cooler. Dr. Andrew Herzheimer, senior lecturer in clinical pharmacology at London's Charing Cross Hospital Medical School and editor of *Drugs and Therapeutic Bulletin*, said augmentin was probably useful in certain fairly uncommon cases. But he said it was a combination of two drugs and it was always better to use one drug where poss-

ible. Spokesman Ian McKinnery of the government's Health Department said augmentin, "has proved perfectly safe" but declined further comment. Beecham plans to market the drug in 150 countries. It hopes to get approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration by 1983.

When the Scottish bacteriologist Sir Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin in 1929 and it was purified and first used medically in 1941, it seemed illnesses caused by bacterial infections had been beaten.

But resistant strains of bacteria have developed to such a degree that a survey among British family doctors showed that over 25 percent of cases are now resistant to the wide-spectrum, penicillin-based antibiotics ampicillin and amoxycillin. Experts had warned that unless use of antibiotics were limited they would become useless.

The defense evolved by the bacteria consists of enzymes which destroy the antibiotic and leave the cell walls of the bacteria intact. The widespread use of antibiotics has created an environment in which resistant bacteria thrive at the expense of other, non-resistant strains, and the resistant bacteria transmit their defense mechanism to other bacteria.

James Diamond, chairman of Beecham Pharmaceuticals, said the firm spent 15 million pounds (\$27.75 million) researching and developing augmentin over the last 12 years and another 5 million pounds (\$9.25 million) on manufacturing techniques.

U.S. broadcasts 'luring' refugees

DENVER, Colorado, Sept. 18 (AP) — U.S. Rep. Pat Schroeder has charged that voice of American broadcasts in foreign countries improperly are encouraging persons to leave their homes and seek new lives in the United States.

To support her arguments, Ms. Schroeder quoted from a number of broadcasts.

William Hartmann, deputy director of Voice of America, categorically has denied his agency has attempted to "lure" or otherwise encourage foreigners to leave their home countries for America.



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Schmidt hints at Reagan visit

ONN, Sept. 18 (R) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt Friday condemned recent U.S. violent in West Germany and said President Ronald Reagan would be able to himself, probably on a visit this year, Germans and Americans were friends. Schmidt made the disclosure that Reagan expected here after a November visit to by Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev in a stress West Germany's commitment to alliance with United States. He told

the Bundestag (lower house) during a debate on the 1982 federal budget that peace could be secured only through international dialogue and cooperation.

"To this end we are meeting this year with Leonid Brezhnev, and to this end we shall meet this year, probably for the third time in one year, with President Ronald Reagan," he said. The Chancellor said he renewed an invitation to Reagan during "intensive consultations" in Bonn five days ago with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

"When he (Reagan) comes he will learn that it is true... that Germans and Americans are friends," he said. Schmidt spoke three days after an abortive grenade and gun attack in Heidelberg on the U.S. Army commander in Europe, Gen. Frederick Koroosen.

Responsibility for the attack, latest in a series against U.S. military personnel and property, was later claimed by the extreme left-wing Red Army Faction which shook West German society in the 1970s with a wave of similar violence.

Schmidt said those responsible were striking not only at the United States but "also at our freedom and our security." The Bonn government knew it had the support of the overwhelming majority of Germans in pursuing the struggle against such terrorism, he said.

Schmidt acknowledged there are at times political differences between West Germans and the United States. But he stressed they

were linked by common values which formed the basis of the Western alliance. "We can rely on our American friends and the American people can rely on us Germans," he said, amid applause.

As on previous occasions, the Chancellor strongly defended Bonn's support for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) strategy of seeking arms talks with Moscow and at the same time preparing to deploy new U.S.-made missiles in Europe.

He said he expected consultations with the United States to intensify once the Reagan administration started negotiations with Moscow in November on curbing such weapons. Schmidt, who was staked his career on the talks making headway, said he was sure both Reagan and Brezhnev wanted to

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While the Chancellor made much of the bonds between his country and the United States, he also turned aside American criticism of Bonn's decision to increase defense spending this year by a nominal 4.2 percent — well short of the NATO target. A country's defense capability depended on the way its young men were motivated to become soldiers, not just on the amount of finance allocated in a budget, he said.

BRIEFS

PEKING (AFP) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher will pay an official visit to China from Oct. 5 to 7, the Western German Embassy announced here Friday. The embassy said Genscher will be returning Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua's visit to West Germany in June last year.

PEKING (AFP) — The new United States ambassador to China, Arthur W. Hummel, arrived in Peking Thursday night, the U.S. Embassy announced here Friday. Hummel, 61, the second U.S. ambassador to China following the normalization of relations between the two countries in January 1979, takes over from Leonard Woodcock.

BANGKOK (AFP) — Twenty-six Western narcotics prisoners in Thai jails Friday suspended a 21-day-old hunger strike designed to win better conditions and transfers to their homeland. French prisoners Patrick Parant and Jean-marc Cuilleron said they had suspended the protest on assurances from their embassy that negotiations on a convict-exchange treaty were continuing.

BELGRADE (R) — A Yugoslav poet was sentenced to two years imprisonment Thursday for insulting the late President Tito and for publishing anti-state propaganda.

Laos guerrillas announce plan to restore monarchy

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The 10,000-ton Edinburgh, which went down May 2, 1942, with 30 dead aboard, is officially listed as a war grave. The British government lifted a ban on salvage operations in 1957.

In the Barents Sea Gold salvaged from warship

LONDON, Sept. 18 (AP) — British divers have recovered six 28-pound (12.7-kilogram) bars of gold from a British cruiser torpedoed by German destroyer in 1942 while carrying an estimated 45 million pounds (\$83 million) worth of Soviet bullion, Moscow's payment for U.S. weapons, Britain's Defense Ministry said.

The gold bars are the first to be lifted from the barnacle-encrusted hull of the Edinburgh. The vessel is believed to hold a treasure trove of 4.65 tons of gold on the bed of the Barents Sea, 244 meters down in icy waters 273 kms north of the Soviet port of Murmansk.

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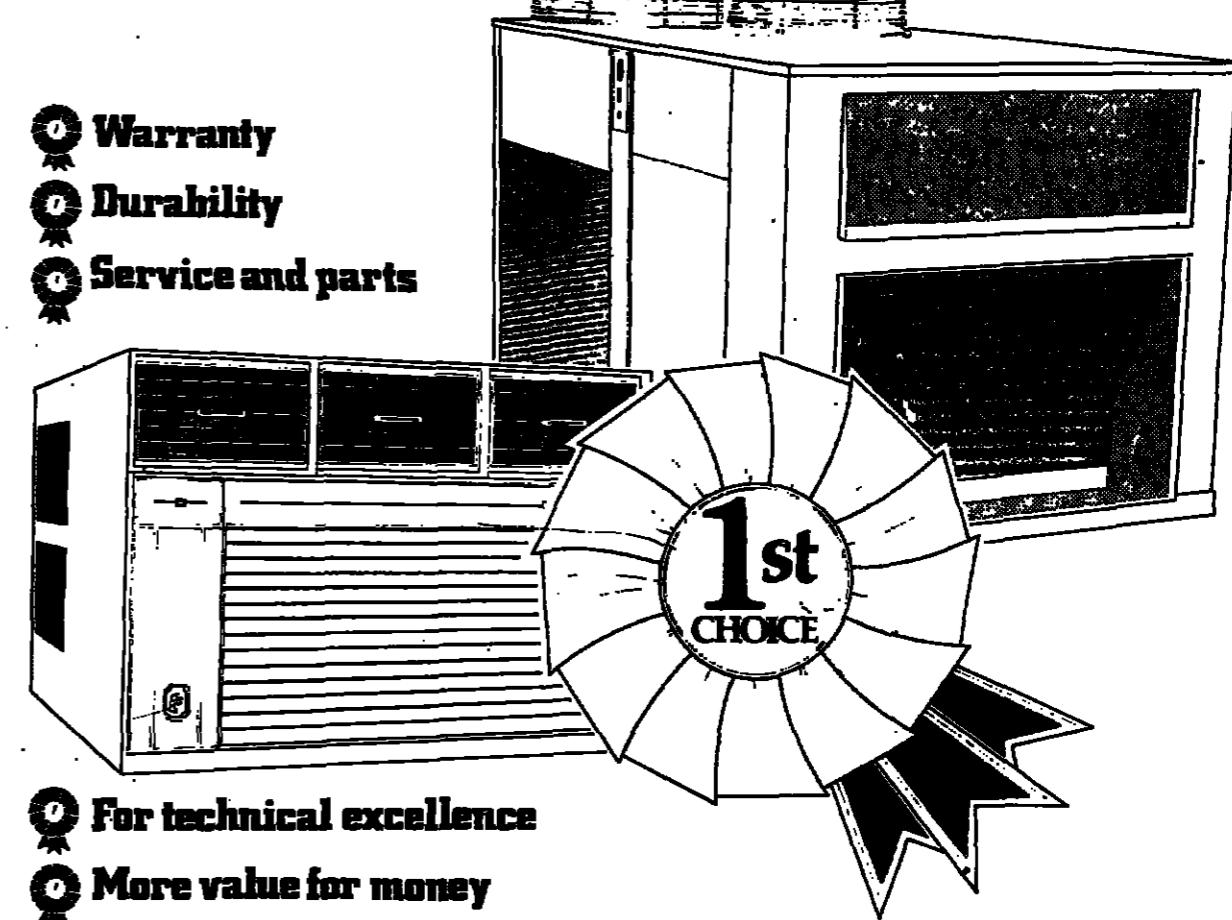
Official records listed the Edinburgh's cargo as 5 tons of gold — 93 cases each containing four 28-pound (12.7-kilogram) gold bars. But the salvage crew could be in a for a bonus. Soviet Adm. Arseni Golovko, who was commander of naval operations in Murmansk when the bullion was loaded, wrote in a book later that "the cruiser... went to the bottom with her cargo of gold weighing about 10 tons."

The Soviet government has two officials aboard the recovery ship to monitor the salvage operation. Under terms of the recovery negotiated with Britain's Department of Trade, Jessop Marine Recoveries will get about 20 million pounds (\$37 million) if it recovers all the bullion.

The British government will take about one-third of the remainder and the Soviets two-thirds under insurance terms. The U.S. government has no claim because it long ago collected insurance on the lost bullion.

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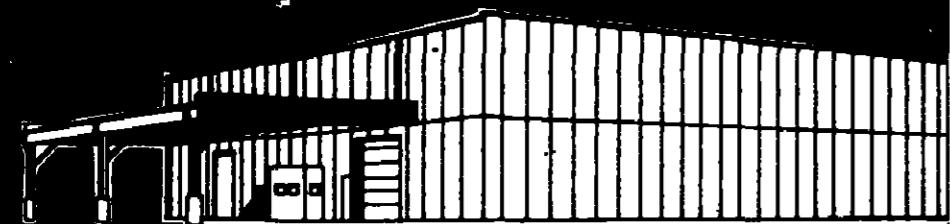
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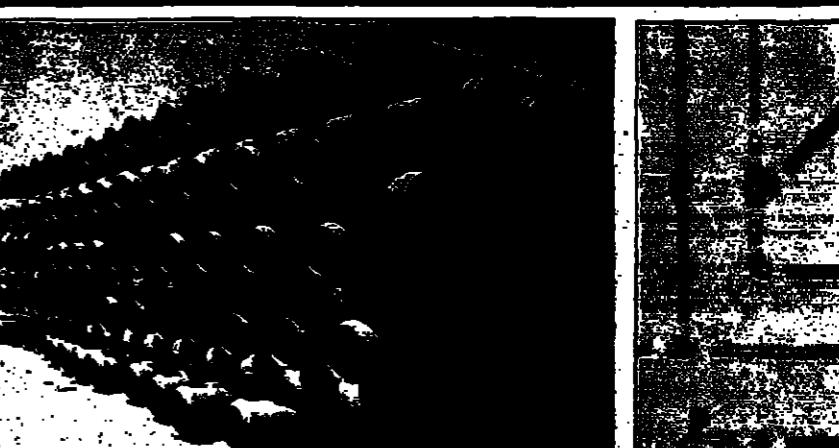
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J.S. trade surplus hits \$1.1 billion mark

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (AP) — The U.S. foreign trade "current account" — the broadest measure of financial dealings with the rest of the world — had a \$1.1 billion surplus in the second quarter of this year, about one-third the quarter surplus, the U.S. Commerce

Department has reported.

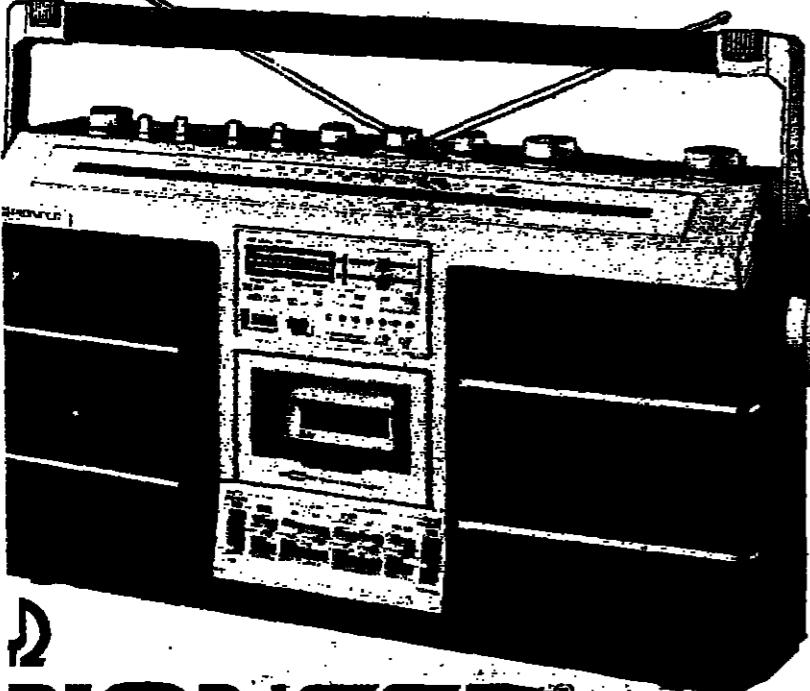
The U.S. balance of payments should show little change the rest of the year, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said Thursday in a statement accompanying the report.

Such a development has also been predicted by other administration officials who say the growing value of the dollar in international finance has made it harder for foreigners to buy U.S. goods and services and easier for them to find American buyers for their products. The new commerce report said that most of the decline in the surplus was due to a \$2.2 billion quarterly increase in the deficit on merchandise trade, reported earlier.

Baldrige noted that "merchandise trade receives the lion's share of attention, but trade in services has played a critical role in keeping our recent external financial condition balanced." Service receipts were unchanged at \$9.5 billion more than payments in the second quarter, the report said.

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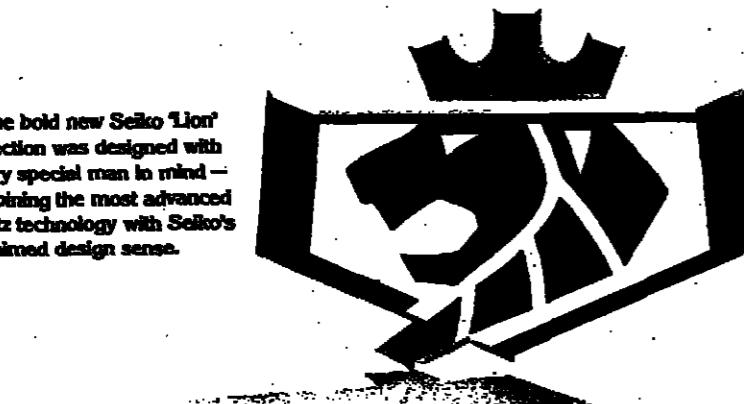
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Kuwait floats \$20m bond for Eurofima

KUWAIT, Sept. 18 (AP) — The Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Company (KFTCIC) will lead-manage a Kuwait dinar six million (\$20 million) bond issue for Eurofima, a company press bulletin has reported.

Eurofima is the European company for financing railway rolling stock. It was organized in Switzerland in 1956, in line with a convention signed by 16 European countries. Sources said it was the first time this year that most of the decline in the surplus was due to a \$2.2 billion quarterly increase in the deficit on merchandise trade, reported earlier.

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Inflation in U.K. jumps to 21.9%

LONDON, Sept. 18 (R) — Britain's annual inflation rate last month showed its first significant increase in over a year, the government said Friday.

Retail prices in the 12 months to August rose by 11.5 percent from July's figure of 10.9 percent, the employment department said. It was the first significant increase since May 1980, when the rate of inflation reached 21.9 percent, and it struck a blow to the government's anti-inflation strategy.

EEC resolution angers Turkey

STRASBOURG, Sept. 18 (AP) — A draft resolution submitted to the European Parliament Thursday defining the territorial limits of the European Economic Community to include dispute waters in the Aegean Sea has angered Turkey.

The Ankara government has sent a high-level delegation, headed by Kamuran Inan, Turkish ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva and Jenap Keskin, ambassador to the EEC, to Strasbourg to lobby against the measure.

Decline seen in 1981

World trade increases 1.5%

GENEVA, Sept. 18 (R) — World trade volume increased by only 1.5 percent last year and may even decline this year because of the weak economic performance by major industrial countries, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) said Friday.

Protectionism was not directly to blame for the minimal increase, a survey by the world trade organization said, but it could be viewed as a major reason for the poor performance of the major economies. It deplored a trend by governments to get around free trade rules by increasing discriminatory measures.

If stated in dollars, world trade in agricultural goods, fuels, minerals and manufactured goods last year grew by 20 percent to nearly \$2,000 billion, due mainly to the dollar's relative weakness against other currencies in 1980.

But GATT economists said the volume measurement was more significant since it expressed the quantity of goods exchanged from the year to the next without taking account of inflation and exchange rate fluctuations. Consumer resistance to massive oil price increases by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) appeared to be a major factor in the slow trade growth.

Export prices of crude petroleum went up

Nissan Motor's exports during the month moved down by 21 percent. As with Toyota, its declines were most substantial in exports to the European Economic Community (EEC) and the U.S. The U.S. took one percent fewer vehicles from Toyota, but nearly 20 percent less from Nissan.

Shipments by Toyota to the EEC were sharply down by 48.7 percent and those by Nissan fell 16.1 percent. However, exports by Toyota to Britain jumped over 82 percent although shipments by Nissan dropped 29 percent.

Spokesman John Babey of the General Services Administration (GSA), the agency that controls the strategic stockpile of minerals, said 1.25 million ounces of silver will be offered for sale each week from next month.

Silver's main use is in the photographic and electronic industries. Recent estimates put total annual world consumption at 420 million ounces.

Silver prices fell sharply Thursday after the sale was announced. Prices have hovered recently around \$10 an ounce after reaching a peak of nearly \$50 early last year.

Britain records rise in production

LONDON, Sept. 18 (R) — The Bank of England said industrial output in Britain rose during the first half of this year, but gave little support to the government view that the country was climbing out of economic recession.

The bank, in its latest quarterly bulletin on economic developments, appeared to hold out little hope of Britain making a speedy economic recovery. "It is impossible to be certain whether the positive or negative factors will prevail," the bank said.

The report said output by manhour rose by three to four percent in the first half of the year. Officials said latest information since the report was printed suggested that productivity growth could be heading for eight percent a year.

But the report said the figures should be treated with caution because it was not clear whether the rise in output was due to permanent changes in work practices or widespread factory closures because of the slump.

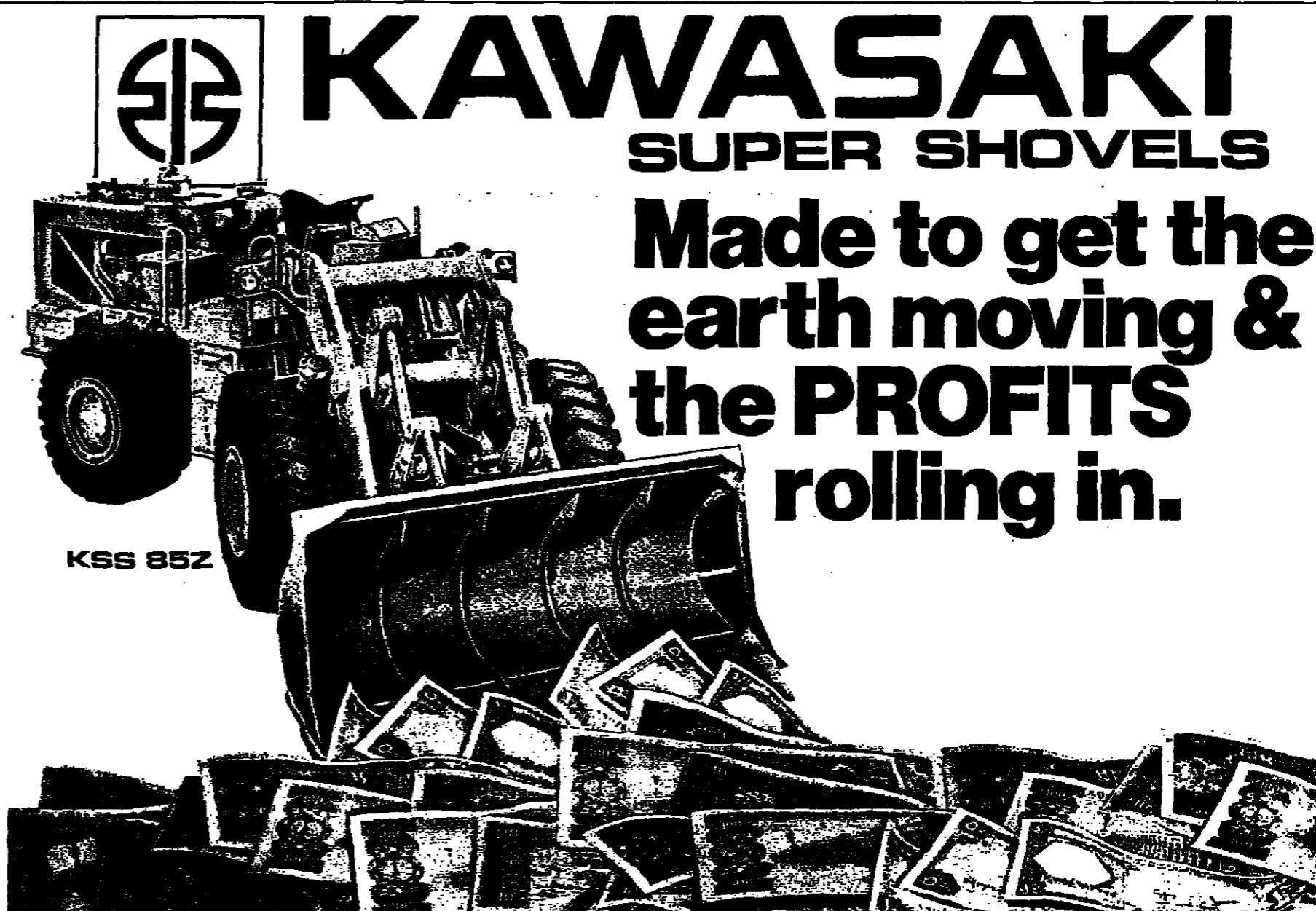
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	Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Wednesday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
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Bangladesh Taka	—	—	—	14.40
Belgian Franc (1,000)	89.00	—	—	—
Canadian Dollar	285.00	—	—	285.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	146.00	146.80	146.70	146.70
Dutch Guilder (100)	132.00	132.70	132.70	132.70
Egyptian Pound	—	3.84	4.14	4.14
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.00	93.15	93.15
French Franc (100)	59.00	61.35	61.30	61.30
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	36.50	36.05	36.05
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	37.70	37.70
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	29.00	29.20	29.10	29.10
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.10	—	15.00	15.00
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.16	10.14	10.14
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.12	12.09	12.09
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	74.00	73.95	73.95
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	61.50	62.45	62.45
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	34.40	34.40
Pound Sterling	6.34	6.32	6.29	6.29
Qatari Rial (100)	—	94.00	94.00	94.00
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	158.90	158.90
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	36.15	36.10	36.10
Swiss Franc (100)	171.00	172.00	171.90	171.90
Syrian Lira (100)	—	57.25	63.35	63.35
Turkish Lira (1,000)	5.42	5.43	34.25	34.25
U.S. Dollar	—	74.50	74.90	74.90
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	—	—	—
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Springboks likely to call off U.S. tour

CHICAGO, Illinois, Sept. 18 (AP) — A South African rugby team embroiled in a national controversy over its tour of America is considering canceling the tour, according to a published report.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported in Friday's edition that a source "close to the team" told the newspaper that members of the Springboks had been told to "pack their bags and be ready to leave Chicago at a moment's notice."

The newspaper reported that the team's managers met with American rugby officials Thursday night and that among the possibilities being considered was for the team to fly to the west coast to catch a flight back to South Africa.

The team was scheduled to play its first game of the American tour Saturday against a team from the Midwest Rugby Union at a secret location.

Thursday night's meeting came after the team learned that the mayor of Albany, New York had canceled a scheduled appearance by the Springboks next week for fear of violent demonstrations by opponents of South Africa's racial policies.

In addition, the Soviet Olympic Committee charged the U.S. government violated the Olympic charter by allowing the South Africans to compete in the United States.

The appearance of the team has prompted a spate of modest demonstrations here, although nothing like the violence that was touched off by the team's recent appearance in New Zealand. A clash after the match left 43 demonstrators arrested and 148 injured.

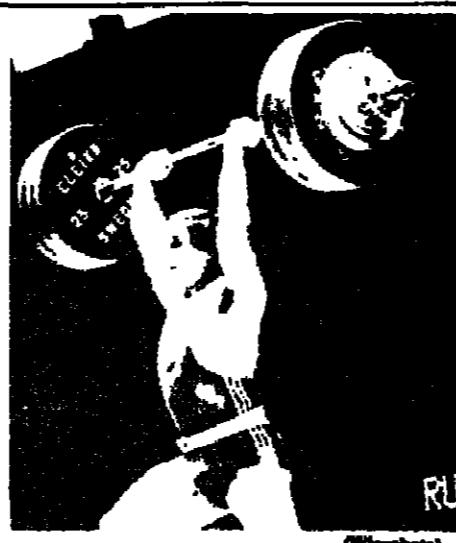
After the Chicago match — reportedly set for Saturday — the team had planned to play at Albany, New York, Sept. 22, but Mayor Erastus Corning, at the urging of New York Governor Hugh Carey, cancelled that game saying the safety of participants and others could not be guaranteed.

Earlier in the week, the Chicago City Council passed a resolution condemning the team's appearance. And a Wisconsin Resort Hotel announced it had canceled room reservations for the Springboks, who might have been planning on playing at a nearby site. The Abbey on Lake Geneva said the hotel's management feared violence.

Europe golfers well placed

LONDON, Sept. 18 (AP) — Europe's top golfers, having shared the foursomes two-all in the morning, were leading the United States in three of the four afternoon four-ball matches in the Biennial Ryder Cup Golf match as the weather brightened at Walton Heath (Surrey) Friday afternoon.

Again it was the British pair Mark James and Sandy Lyle, who had beaten British Open Champion, Bill Rogers, and Bruce Lietzke, two and one in the foursome, who were leading the way.



(WIREPHOTO)
RECORD LIFT: Bulgarian Yanko Rusev who set a new world mark on his way to the gold in the middleweight Wednesday.

Russian shatters two lift records

LILLE, France, Sept. 18 (R) — Yurik Vardanyan of the Soviet Union set two world light-heavyweight (82.5 kg) records as he took his fifth successive title at the World and European Weightlifting Championships Thursday.

Vardanyan, 25, lifted 178 kg in an extra attempt on the snatch then jerked 223 kg. He also won the gold medal by 20kg from Bulgarian Asen Zlatev. Third was Czechoslovak Dusan Poliacic with 367.5 kg.

The Olympic champion, who won his first world title four years ago at middleweight (75 kg), moved up to his present class in 1978 where he has remained unbeaten.

Lifting with powerful efficiency, his only moment of weakness was on the snatch. He twice missed 178 kg, 0.5 kg more than his own best set during his Moscow Games victory last year, but a fourth attempt outside the actual competition, was successful.

They were three up after eight holes against Ben Crenshaw and Jerry Pate. Lyle won the second hole with a birdie four and James won with birdies at the third and sixth. Ireland's Des Smyth and Spain's Jose-Maria Canizares were one-up after six holes against Rogers and Leitzke and Bernard Gallacher and Eamonn Darcy also one-up against Hale Irwin and Ray Flyd after four.

Only Sam Torrance and Howard Clark were losing, being one down to Johnny Miller and Tom Kite after nine holes.

Top U.K. rider, Potter, dies

LONDON, Sept. 18 (AP) — Motorcycle champion Dave Potter has died 18 days after suffering serious head injuries in a 90 mph crash at Oulton Park, Cheshire.

Potter, 31, of Royston, Hertfordshire, hit a barrier while leading on the last lap of the Bank Holiday Monday Superbike Championship, which he had won for the past two years.

Two days after the accident he was flown by helicopter from Chester Royal Infirmary to Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Buckinghamshire where he died Thursday. Regarded as one the best British riders of the decade, Potter was married with two children.

BRIEFS

TOKYO, (AP) — Japan qualified to represent the Asian region in the 10th World Men's Handball Championships by defeating South Korea 29-24 (18-10, 11-14) in the Group "B" preliminary round at the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium Friday. It was the second straight victory for Japan, which beat China Thursday.

DIVONNE-LES-BAINS, (AP) — Soviet World Amateur Cycling Champion Alexander Vedenikov Friday won the tour of the Future's 11th stage, 153 km (94.86 km) from Saint-Gervais to Divonne-Les-Bains in 3h44:58. French professional Pascal Simon remained the overall leader.

BELGRADE, (AP) — Victor Ivanenko of the Soviet Union established the first-ever silhouette target world record at the European Championships in Titograd Friday when he totaled 598 points from 60 shots.

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — American George Burns and British Peter Townsend were leading with a 4-under par 69 after the opening day of the Belgian Laurent Perrier Golf Trophy.

RYE, New York, (AP) — Rod Laver and Cliff Drysdale easily advanced Thursday with straight-set opening round victories in the \$33,000 Carte Blanche Tennis Legends tournament event being played at the Westchester Country Club. Laver defeated fellow Australian Owen Davidson 6-2, 6-4 and Drysdale defeated Roy Emerson 6-4, 6-3 before a near-capacity crowd.

TOKYO, (AP) — Top-seeded Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia, playing steadily, whipped American Sharon Walsh 6-2, 6-4 and advanced to the semifinals of the \$175,000 Toray Silcock Women's Tennis Tournament at Tokyo's Yoyogi Gymnasium Friday.

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Andalus scores upset victory over Armaska

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Sept. 18 — The Jeddah Squash League opened Sunday night, producing some mild surprises and unexpected results, but with several teams still not at full strength after the summer break, the results may not be a good indication for future matches.

In the "A" Division, Andalus Village whitewashed Armaska 5-0 for the day's biggest shock. John Yeadall surprising Rolf Holme with a 3-1 win to complete the rout. Hochstet edged Streetens 3-2. Hochstet's Mike Wade produced the deciding result beating Doug Christie on the night after Christie had beaten him twice in recent matches.

Samba were two players short and fell 3-2 to Halcrow. Bedouins were also without their No. 1 player, Ian Johnson, and lost 3-2 to Grey Mackenzie. Farouk Ariz produced some fine squash to edge Mike Forbes-Cable 10-9 in the fifth but only newcomer Chris Vigour could add to Ariz's result. Bedouins look to be a little unsettled in the coming weeks with Vigour and Graeme Sibley uncertain of playing and could well struggle throughout the early part of the season. They meet Andalus Village this Sunday but will have Johnson back at No. 1.

In the "B" Division, both the newly promoted teams made a good start to the season. Binladin downed Arabian Homes 4-1 while Phillips Ericsson knocked Hochstet "B" by the same margin. These two meet on Sunday in what will be a very close contest, with Ericsson looking the more likely winner on

paper. Last week, only Dave Peters and Jack Blomfield could manage wins for Arabian Homes and Hochstet respectively, although both teams were without important players.

Riofinex could well have a happier time this season than they had in the "A" Division. A 4-1 win against Sogex gave them their first win for a very long time, but left Sogex in the same position they occupied most of last season. However, with two of the Riofinex's wins going to five games, Sogex will be looking for revenge in the return match.

Saudi pulled out of the league before hitting a single ball and left Saudi, their Sunday night opponents, matchless and pointless. All the matches against Tarmac will now be called byes and no points awarded. This Sunday, Arabian Homes meet Hochstet, Saudi plays Sogex and Riofinex gets a bye.

Iraq, Sao Paulo to contest final

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept. 18 (AP) — Iraq and Brazil selection, Sao Paulo, will play in the final of the Merdeka Soccer tournament.

The Brazil selection defeated India 2-0 while Iraq made the grade with a similar margin victory over Japan. A. Tunc scored the first goal for the Brazilians in the 40th minute while Luis Barbosa got the other in the 59th minute.

The Iraqis led 1-0 at halftime in a match played in a slight drizzle. The Iraqis, who appeared to be the better team, put on the pressure from the start and were rewarded with an eight minute goal.

Adil Khleer collected the ball on the left flank and centered to forward Faizal Hassan, Hassan pushed the ball a short distance to the unmarked Ali Hussain who slammed a powerful shot from 10 yards.

The second goal came in the 60th minute when Faizal Alaz collected a pass from Faizal Hassan, who scored from inside the penalty box.

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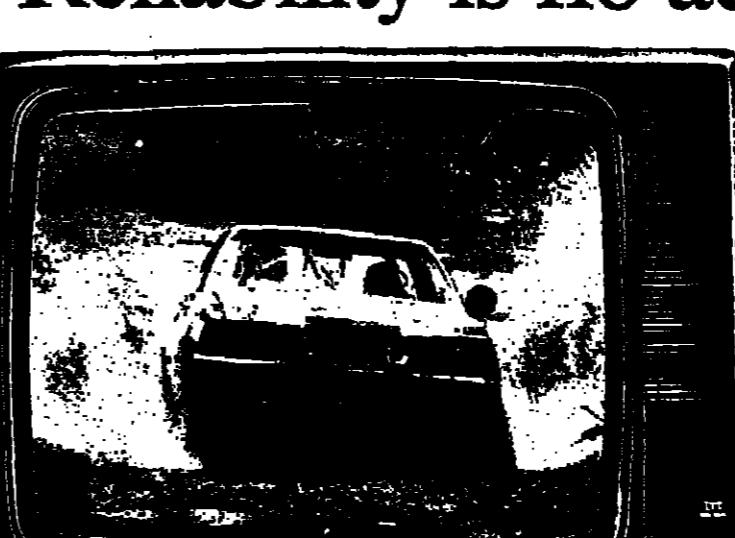
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Orioles takes Red Sox to 2nd spot

W YORK, Sept. 18 (AP) — Jim Rice had four hits and drove in four runs, of them coming on his 15th homer of season, as the Boston Red Sox pounded Detroit Tigers 6-1 Thursday night.

victory, completing a four-game series, moved the Red Sox past the idle Milwaukee Brewers into second place in the American League East, within one-half game of the Tigers.

skie left-hander Bobby Ojeda gained fifth victory in eight decisions with relief from Bill Campbell, who earned his sixth. Ojeda allowed six hits, all singles, while giving five in seven innings. Campbell ed Detroit on one single the rest of the

game. The ran-scoring double in the fourth off Detroit starter Milt Wilcox, 10-8, his two-out Homer in the eighth came from Aurelio Lopez, who had walked batters before facing Rice. The Tigers had a single through the middle by John Fenfuss and a sacrifice fly by Brookens, the only other American League game,

Baltimore to defend own against money in March

AS VEGAS, Nevada, Sept. 18 (R) — Holmes, the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion, will defend title against No. 1 contender Gerry Cooney here next March, promoters said today.

— promoters Don King and Sam Glass stated that the boxers, both undefeated as professionals, would earn about \$10 million. They forecast that the fight would be biggest moneymaker in boxing history, more than last night's multimillion dollar bet between welterweights Sugar Ray Leonard and Thomas Hearns.

specific date has been set for the fight. Holmes and Cooney had previously agreed to sometime in 1982, although the WBC pion originally had insisted that the be held late this year. Holmes has won of his fights and Cooney in undefeated contests. Holmes is scheduled to defend title against unbeaten Renaldo Snipes in November. Mike Jones, one of Cooney's co-managers, said negotiations under way to arrange a fight for his man this year.

anwhile, Leonard said he had temporarily abandoned plans to go after Marvin Hagler's middleweight title and would probably meet WBA junior welterweight champion Aaron Pryor in his next

Pryor's been shooting off his mouth and he's going to get his opportunity. All he do is call me," said Leonard, 12 hours he stopped Hearns.

ke Trainer, Leonard's lawyer and financial adviser who negotiates the champion's box, also indicated that the undefeated would be Leonard's next opponent. He's going to issue a challenge to Pryor, he said. That seemed to leave Hearns in the cold, at least temporarily, as far as concerned. But both Leonard and ter said that a second contest remained a possibility.

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Rich Dauer and Eddie Murray each drove in two runs to pace the Baltimore Orioles to a 6-2 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Scott McGregor gained his 11th victory in 14 decisions, yielding both Cleveland runs while scattering 10 hits over the first 71-3 innings. Tim Stoddard then came on and picked up his sixth save.

In National League action, the St. Louis Cardinals pounded the Montreal Expos 7-4 as Darrell Porter drove in the runs with a double and his fourth career grand slam Homer.

Joaquin Andujar tossed an eight-hitter to beat Montreal for the ninth straight time.

At a glance**American League**

Boston	6	Detroit	1
Baltimore	6	Cleveland	2
National League			
St. Louis	7	Montreal	4
Philadelphia	3	New York	1
Houston	9	San Diego	0
Los Angeles	2	Atlanta	0
Cincinnati	1	San Francisco	0
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helping the Cardinals extend their lead over second placed Montreal to 3½ games in the NL east.

Montreal's scoring came on a solo Homer by Warren Cromartie. His fourth of the season, a fielder's choice groundout and a two-run clout by Andre Dawson.

The Philadelphia Phillies nipped the New York Mets 3-2 behind right-hander Dickie Noles, who threw a three-hitter over seven innings. Larry Bowa provided the key hit, a two-run double.

The 24-year-old Noles, 1-2, retired 11 straight batters before Hubie Brooks singled in the fourth. Noles tied his career high of six strikeouts and did not issue a walk.

Los Angeles Dodgers left-hander Fernando Valenzuela, 13-4, equalled the rookie record of eight shutouts and scattered three hits en route to a 2-0 victory over the Atlanta Braves. Valenzuela also drove in his seventh run of the season with a single.

At San Diego, Joe Niekro, 9-7, pitched a five-hit shutout, his second of the season, as the Houston Astros trounced the Padres 9-0. Reynolds drove in three runs with a bases-loaded triple and Danny Heep came up with tour RBI in pair of two-run singles.

Alan Jones to call it a day

LONDON, Sept. 18 (AP) — World Formula One motor racing champion Alan Jones of Australia will retire after the Las Vegas Grand Prix in October — the last round in this year's World Championships.

"My decision has been made for several reasons," he said in a prepared statement to the press. "As everyone knows I am not happy with the current Formula One regulations. I also want to spend more time with my family in Australia."

The 34-year-old Jones will very likely be returning to Victoria without his world crown. Teammate Carlos Reutemann of Argentina, Nelson Piquet of Brazil and Frenchman Alain Prost all appear better placed to take the title in the last Grand Prix at Montreal and Las Vegas.

However, he appeared undaunted by the prospect. "I have had a good run and enjoyed myself," he said. Jones came to Britain in 1970 and set into Formula One racing in 1975. He won his first Grand Prix in 1977, driving a Shadow to victory in Zeltweg, Austria.

After winning the opening race of the 1981 season, at Long Beach, California, finishing second behind Reutemann in Rio de Janeiro and fourth in Buenos Aires, Jones went through a frustratingly unsuccessful period.



Alan Jones

However, he has recovered with fourth, third and second place finishes in the last three Grand Prix, although he has little real chance of overtaking the championship leaders.

He has become unhappy with the squabbles caused by the new technical rules which almost caused a split in the Formula One world this year, and his number one position in the Saudi-Williams team has been undermined by Reutemann, who leads the World Championship standings.

Borg seeks exemption from rules

TORONTO, France, Sept. 18 (AFP) — Bjorn Borg, who lost his world No. 1 spot to arch-rival John McEnroe in the final of the U.S. Open last week, has asked the International Tennis Federation (ITF) to exempt him from the strict tournament rules for next year's Grand Prix. ITF president Philippe Charlier revealed here Thursday.

The new ITF rules stipulate that in order to take part in the prestigious French, Wimbledon and U.S. Opens, a player must take part in at least ten Grand Prix tournaments during the year. Borg has said this is too much and has asked for his minimum to be lowered.

Meanwhile, John McEnroe, Peter Fleming, Rosemary Casper and Eliot Teltscher have been named to the U.S. Davis Cup tennis team for its Oct. 24 semi-final best-of-five matches against Australia at Portland, Oregon.

The team was selected Thursday.

Jimmy Connors, ranked No. 4 in the world, is bypassing the event, apparently because of a previous commitment.

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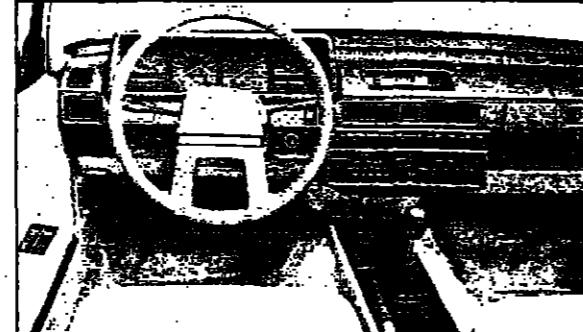
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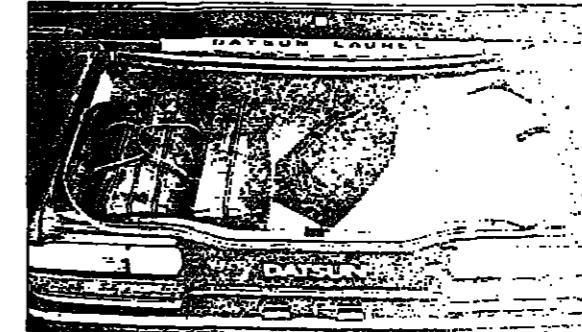
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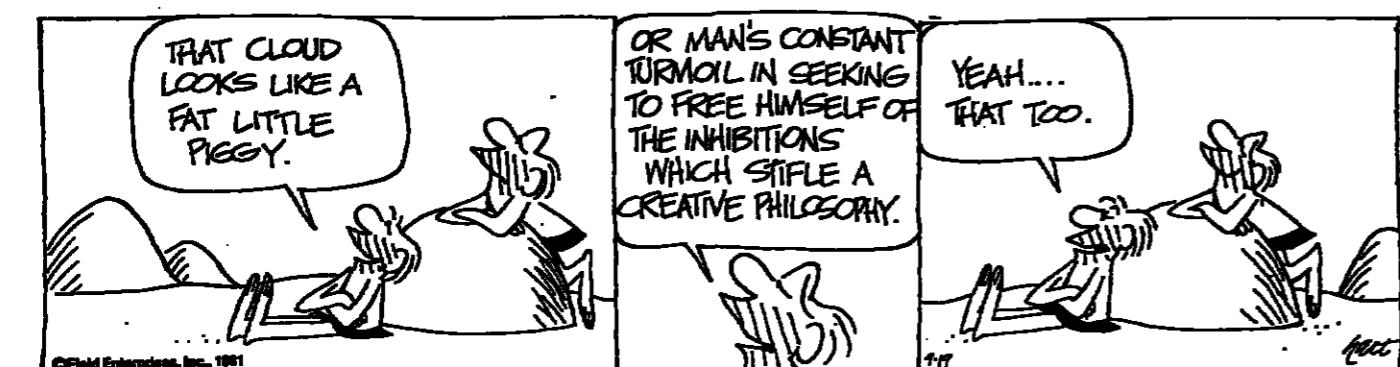
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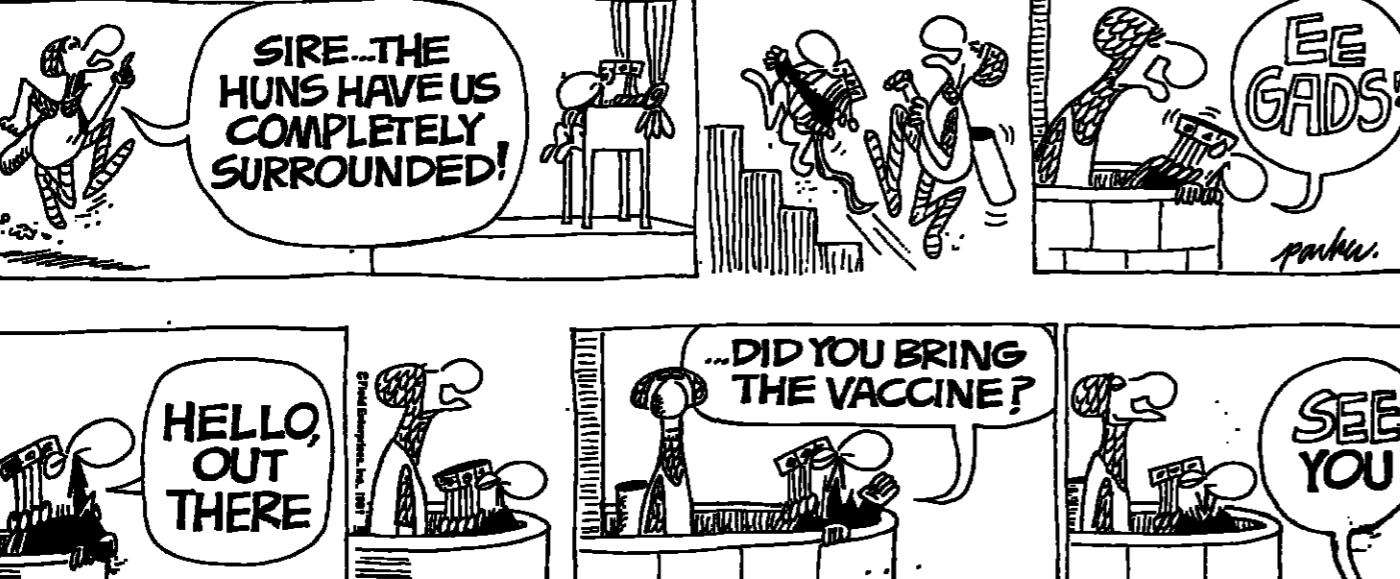
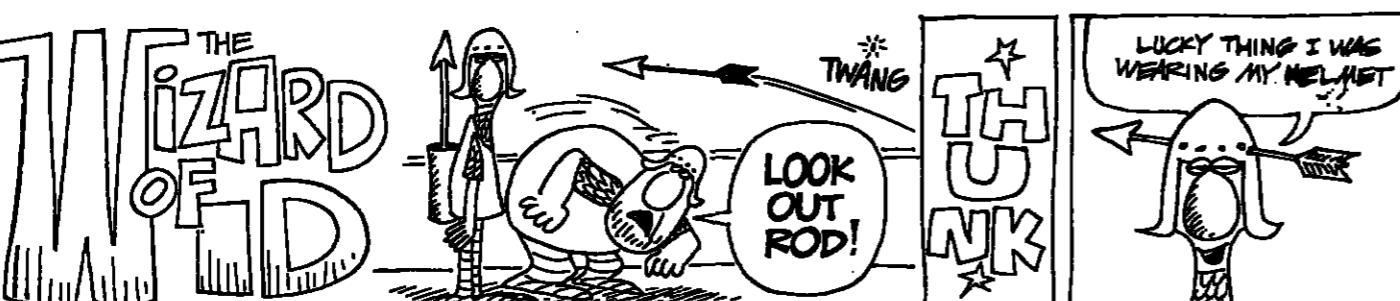
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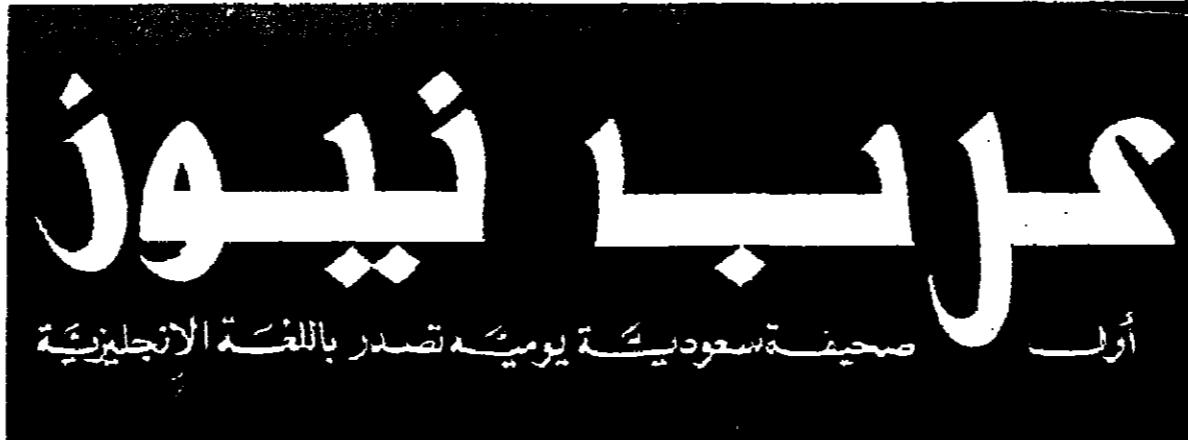
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International

Action against Solidarity called

Soviets talk tough with Poles

WARSAW, Sept. 18 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union called on Poland's Communist leaders to take "determined and radical" action immediately against the Solidarity labor federation, and the Polish government responded with a warning to the labor union that it was jeopardizing Poland's independence.

The Soviet Communist Party and government, in a statement made public by the official Polish news agency PAP, accused the independent labor union of a campaign of anti-Sovietism aimed at liquidating communism in Poland and taking it out of the Soviet bloc.

"We expect the (Polish Communist) leaders will and the Polish government to immediately take determined and radical steps to cut short the malicious anti-Soviet propaganda and actions hostile toward the Soviet Union," said the statement, which PAP said Soviet Ambassador Boris Aristov delivered to Polish Communist Party chief Stanislaw Kania and Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski.

It was the toughest warning from Moscow since the Soviets in June criticized Kania and Jaruzelski for not putting a stop to "anti-

Socialist and counterrevolutionary" activity.

The Soviet warning and the Polish government's criticism of Solidarity were given prominent space in all Polish dailies Friday, including the Communist Party organ *Tribuna Ludu* and Warsaw's leading Morning daily *Zycie Warszawy*.

The state-run radio also reported the Soviet warning. It was a departure from its

Crime rises

WARSAW, Sept. 18 (AP) — The incidence of crime in Poland is on the increase with offenses in the first eight months of the year up 26 percent over last year's figures, a report prepared by the Police Supervisory and Analysis Bureau and quoted by the Polish news agency PAP Thursday said. The steepest rise in the crime graph was in July, an increase of 45 percent over the same month last year. Crimes against property led to 3,621 investigations between January and August, the report noted.

Arrives for U.N. session

Gromyko-Haig talks set

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (AP) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko arrived in New York Thursday and said he is prepared "for a dialogue and cooperation with all responsible political and social forces" at the United Nations General Assembly.

Gromyko, who is scheduled to address the 155-nation assembly Tuesday, will also hold his first talks with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig. The Haig-Gromyko talks Wednesday will be the first known high-level meeting between the Reagan administration and the Kremlin.

In a statement issued after he arrived at Kennedy Airport, Gromyko said, "during our stay in the United States, we expect to have meetings and talks with foreign ministers of many states who have come to attend the General Assembly session, including U.S. Secretary of State Haig."

Gromyko declared that increased efforts to preserve peace should be the primary concern of all states "and the duty of every statesman."

"It is our firm conviction," he said, "that, given this condition, it is possible, despite the complicated international situation, to overcome the present tensions and to safeguard peace."

He said the Soviet Union was "tirelessly working" to put into effect peace initiatives advanced at its 20th Communist Party con-

French doctor safe

GENEVA, Sept. 18 (AFP) — French doctor Pierre Bastien, who deliberately ate 70 grams (two ounces) of poisonous toadstools, considers himself out of danger. Normally phalloidic ("foul's mushroom"), is enough to kill, but Dr. Bastien, a general practitioner, claimed to have discovered an antidote, and came here to give a demonstration.

He said Friday his treatment was a complete success, even though he lost five kilograms in weight in three days. He said he was more ill than he expected because he ate the toadstools on an empty stomach.

Crippled winner to donate \$2.2m

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (AFP) — Johan Johansson, a 58-year-old crippled New York widower who won \$2.2 million in the New York lottery last week, has decided to give his winnings to charity.

"Money, really, when you down to it, what is it," said Johansson Thursday when claiming his prize after a six-day delay to think things over. "You cannot buy your health."

A former sailor injured in a collision at sea, Johansson has been living in the same apartment for the past 28 years. "I don't see why I got to leave," he said. His only relatives are in Sweden, but he does not want to go for a visit. "For 35 years I have done all the traveling I want."

Johansson expressed regret that the bounty had come so late, since some years back he could have used it to help his wife before she died of diabetes.

Man hurls egg at Irish MP, fights another

LONDON, Sept. 18 (Agencies) — A man threw an egg at Irish nationalist member of parliament Owen Carron and scuffed with one of Carron's colleagues as he went to deliver a petition on behalf of the Irish hunger strikers to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher here Friday, police said.

A Scotland Yard press officer, who failed to be named, said the egg did not strike the legislator. However, the British domestic news agency Press Association said an egg hit Michael McCloskey, brother of Irish hunger striker Liam McCloskey, on his 47th day without food in the Maze Prison.

The press officer said the incident happened as Carron was about to walk down Downing Street to the premier's official residence, to deliver the petition. The spokesman said a crowd of onlookers began shouting abuse at Carron, and Stephen Doherty — who said he was 23, unemployed and lived in west London — began scuffling with Carron's associate.

Doherty was arrested, charged with threatening behavior and released on bail to appear at London's Bow Street magistrates' court Saturday, the spokesman said.

Carron, standing as a "proxy political prisoner" on behalf of the 420 Irish Republican Army and other nationalist guerrillas at the Maze Prison outside Belfast, was elected to the British Parliamentary seat for Fermanagh and South Tyrone in Northern Ireland Aug. 20.

Michael McCloskey said Thursday that

another Republican prisoner at the Maze Prison will begin a hunger strike Monday. The announcement came as James Prior, the new Northern Ireland secretary, made the first visit to the prison in a decade by any government member concerned with Northern Ireland.

Ninety relatives of the hunger strikers converged on London Thursday with Republican member of parliament Owen Carron to drum up support for "the men of Long Kesh." McCloskey announced that another prisoner would join the strike Monday so that eight prisoners would always be participating.

The newly named Northern Ireland secretary, who was previously secretary of state for employment, spent three hours Thursday at

Liberals condemn

LONDON, Sept. 18 (AFP) — The annual congress of Britain's Liberal Party, meeting at the Welsh town of Llandudno, Friday approved an urgent motion condemning an attempt by Denis Thatcher, the husband of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, to expedite a proposed building project.

Tony Lambert, an executive committee member of the Welsh Liberals, told the congress that "Mr. Thatcher's action was at best

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U.S. was trying to develop the shaky ceasefire into a broader peace settlement. Prince Saud stated Friday "peace in the Middle East can only be achieved through the full and equal participation of the PLO in all the discussions aiming at the solution of the Middle East and the Palestine problems."

"United States recognition of this fact is absolutely essential, and we hope the U.S. government will realize this and begin establishing contacts with the PLO leadership."

Saudi Arabia launched its peace initiative last month when Crown Prince Fahd called on the U.S. to recognize the PLO. He also listed eight principles for a Middle East settlement, including the establishment of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital and the right of all countries in the region to live in peace.

Saudi Arabia is looking to the United Nations and the next Arab summit, probably in Morocco next November, for support for its initiative.

Prince Fahd said his country wanted Prince Fahd's eight principles to be the "basis and framework of a single resolution to be adopted and implemented by the United Nations and especially the permanent members of the Security Council."

Diana

attended any Balmoral shoots. She is "bored and tired" of long, formal dinner parties with 50 or more guests and finds it difficult to treat servants as servants, the daily said.

The princess, formerly Lady Diana Spencer, married the heir to the throne amid great ceremony at St. Paul's Cathedral July 29.

West sets '83 target for freedom of Namibia

WINDHOEK, Southwest Africa, Sept. 18 (AP) — Five Western nations have set the target date for independence of Southwest Africa, or Namibia, at Jan. 1, 1983, with provisional agreement from six black states, the South African Press Association (SAPA) reported Friday.

The news agency, quoting the Windhoek *Allgemeine Zeitung* newspaper, said foreign ministers of the United States, Canada, Britain, West Germany and France would begin final talks next week in New York on implementation of the pre-independence process.

The German-language newspaper, which SAPA said has access to government sources in Bonn, said Angola, Mozambique, Botswana, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe had signed provisional agreement to the Western plan.

The six "front-line" states support the Southwest Africa Peoples Organization (SWAPO). In its 15-year bush war against South African troops to gain control of the territory.

Officials of the South African Department of Foreign Affairs could not be reached for comment, but Western diplomatic sources called the new target date "premature" in view of testimony Thursday by the U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs, Chester Crocker, before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee. Crocker said he was "guardedly optimistic" about finding a solution next year.

South Africa has administered Namibia, a former German colony, since 1920 under an old League of Nations mandate abrogated in 1966 by the United Nations. Negotiations for UN-supervised elections that would lead to an independent Namibia have made little progress over the last three years.

The *Zeitung* said that among the key points in the revised Western plan was that South Africa and SWAPO would agree on a binding constitutional framework that would safeguard individual rights. The rights would be entrenched in a constitution that could not be amended by an independent parliament without a two-thirds majority, the newspaper said.

The *Zeitung* reported that during the transitional period of independence, neighboring Angola would have to guarantee that Cuban troops based in that country would not cross south of a "red line" or undertake any military activities.

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